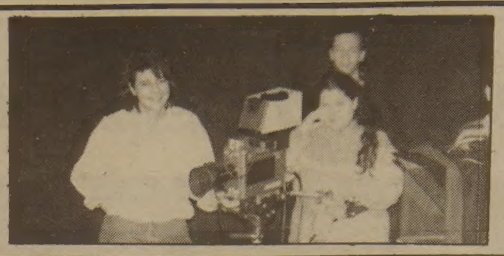

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Ye who write, choose a subject suited to your abilities. — Horace.

Students share SAC's concerns over education

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

Student Administrative Council (SAC) took their plans for educational reform to a somewhat uninterested crowd of students at After Hours on Tuesday.

SAC held the address to inform students about their plans to implement a student-run education evaluation.

Vice-President of Internal Affairs Dawn Swayze, who addressed the crowd on behalf of SAC, urged students to get involved in the first step of the evaluation — filling out a questionnaire listing their program and concerns.

Swayze stressed to the crowd the evaluation was not about "bashing Niagara College. It's about responsibly critiquing the system.

"For the most part, we have effective people working with us and for us."

She said the reason for the evaluation is to assess the system and how it will be affected by proposed federal government budget cuts.

In an earlier interview, Swayze said she hopes the evaluation will be a joint effort among college administration, faculty, the student body and the system.

While some faculty initially expressed reservations over the idea, Swayze said most she has been in contact with have been supportive of the initiative.

At After Hours, Swayze addressed the issue of student apathy and pleaded with them to get involved.

"Let your voices be heard, for God sakes . . . you have one — I know."

Students interviewed afterwards said their main concern was the cost of their education.

First-year Human Relations students Melissa Curry, 23, and Heather Coulson, 29, agreed the SAC initiative was a good idea.

Both said college students will not be able to handle increased tuition rates.

"We can't afford not to be educated," said Curry.

Coulson said she fears post-secondary education will become "an elite thing."

Curry said increased rates will also result in colleges becoming more like universities. She said she values the current college system because of the hands-on approach.

First-year Journalism-Print student Ron Duguay also agreed SAC's plans are a good idea.

He said he is more concerned with proposed cuts than the way the system is run.

He said he is satisfied with the education he is receiving at Niagara, but feels the government is not helping enough.

"I think I'm getting my money's worth."

Niagara College President John Saso (with hard hat) offers a helping hand to daycare youngsters as construction begins on the new daycare centre. With Saso are (from left) Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos and Welland Mayor Dick Reuter.
Photo by Christine Rawcliffe

Niagara breaks ground for new children's centre

By CHRISTINE RAWCLIFFE
Staff Writer

Despite snow and cold temperatures, construction is under way on a new Child Care Centre at Niagara College's Welland Campus.

On Jan. 25, Niagara College President John Saso, with the help of about 25 daycare children, shoveled ground to commence the construction of their new facility.

The centre is near Woodlawn Road, west of Hennepin Hall, replacing the existing centre behind the Mackenzie building. It is to open June 1.

"The new centre will provide improved facilities for 85 children ranging in age from three months to five years old," said Sandy Fox, manager of Ancillary Services.

The 8,900-square foot Child Care Centre is designed by the Hamilton-based architectural firm Moffat, Kinoshita Associates Inc. Construction of the centre will cost $1,096,453. In total the project will cost $1,273,453. It will consist of a comfortable, well-designed setting with easy access and designated parking spaces with a safe drop-off area away from college traffic.

Funding was provided by the jobsOntario Capital program.

The new structure will serve as a public day care centre and will also provide facilities for Welland Preschool Services. The Welland Preschool Services is under the direction of the Welland District Association for Community Living.

Students enrolled in the college's Early Childhood Education program will use the new facility as a practical laboratory.

"This serves as a demonstration lab and the community looks to us for guidance about how a child care centre should be operating," said Hans van der Slagt, college vice-president, administration.

The project began in 1993 and is "part of a $50 million (Master) plan," said Saso, adding the project "is moving along very quickly."

College will continue prospering in 1995

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

Niagara College will continue to prosper in 1995. That's the message of College President John Saso and Board of Governors Chair Rick Bassett.

"I'm very optimistic about 1995," Saso says. "I see us moving into new program fields."

Development on the college's new Niagara-on-the-Lake campus and renovations to the Welland campus are "moving along quite nicely," the president says.

The college is ahead of schedule on the new campus and a spring groundbreaking is anticipated.

"We refine and continue to refine how the (master) plan will come together," Bassett says. "There's a lot of important planning still to be done."

The fund-raising drive of the College Foundation "will be an important part of 1995," Bassett says.

A lot of the planning affecting the future of Niagara College will be done this year, says Ian Hennessy, a St. Catharines representative on the Board of the Governors.

The planning sessions are "critical," Hennessy says.

On the Welland campus, students can look forward to the completion of the student residence in the fall and the child care centre, Bassett says.

Other changes will see the cafeteria located where the Merrett courtyard is now. A skills complex

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College Briefs

President's Forum

College President John Saso is encouraging a more invitational approach to solving college issues.

Saso will hold his third President's Forum on Feb 13. Held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, the forum is a chance for full-time college staff to problem solve and brainstorm.

It's a chance to share ideas and share visions, Saso says.

Each forum is limited to 20 staff and dinner is held after the two-hour brainstorming session.

Staff interested in attending the President's Forum can call 735-2211, Ext. 7566.

"A lot of good suggestions are coming out of them," Saso says. "The stuff they come up with is absolutely brilliant."

Money from hydro

Niagara College could receive $40,000 from Ontario Hydro if it meets requirements set by the American Society of Heating, Refridgeration and Air Conditioning (ASHRA).

"(ASHRA) sets out the minimum standards for new construction," said Stuart Owen, energy adviser for Ontario Hydro.

"The grant is based on construction with these specifications."

Warren Yule, college project manager for Master Plan implementation, said "if the computer modeling costs $80,000 to set up, we won't do it, but (the design's) typical standards" should be high enough.

Kits available

Niagara College's Board of Governors is seeking one faculty and one student representative for the 1995-96 year.

Nomination forms are available from Board Secretary Mary Hornak, in H4, or from ME100, H21, Horticultural Centre, Mack Nursing Centre and St. Catharines campus on Welland Vale Road and the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls from Feb. 2 to Feb. 15. Elections will be held March 6, 7 and 8.

The board's objective is to establish purpose and direction for the college, ensure the college is effectively and efficiently managed and establish college-wide policy.

Student Governor Doris Baiano, in a written statement, said "My experience ... has enabled me to represent the student body at Niagara College concerning issues that affect educational integrity and student life."

She said participating in shaping Niagara College's future was a welcome challenge.

The board meets monthly on the second Thursday at 4:30 p.m. except in June, July and August.

Council rejects request

No.

Niagara College's request for $300,000 was rejected at Niagara Regional Council's Jan. 26 meeting.

The funds were to assist the college in its plans to build a new campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake and renovate Welland campus facilities at a total cost of $43.7 million.

Grimsby Regional Coun. Debbie Zimmerman said the Region was not in a position "to be funding post-secondary education." Zimmerman is proposing all grants be cut.

"There's funding for them from other sources," she said.

College President John Saso said the denial was "disappointing because we're an engine of growth in the community."

Health issues addressed

Of the 133 health and safety issues addressed in the 1994 annual inspection report, 94 have been addressed.

The report, submitted to Niagara College's Board of Governors by the health and safety department, touched on issues such as air quality, protective equipment usage and ergonomic concerns in work areas.

Rick Demers, supervisor of health and safety and security, said the board requested health and safety personnel be available for further communication so the report can be fully understood.

"The still outstanding issues involve properties that are leased by the college," said Demers, "and, therefore, would involve the lessors."

Words for Winskel

Niagara College President John Saso had some kind words for Bonnie Winskel, the departing director of the Seventh Fire office.

Winskel, who will be leaving the college and the province, will "be hard to replace," Saso told the college's Board of Governors.

"She's been a tremendous asset to the college."

Students in community

The dental hygiene students are going out into the community for one of their classes.

Jennifer Noiles, 23, said for their Community Dental Health class they had to pick a group — assess their needs in dental care — and make a plan to educate that group, and then implement a program.

The students are assessing three different groups over the course of their term.

Noiles said their first project is due around the end of February.

Winskel resigns her post

By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

Little did Bonnie Winskel know when she resigned her post as aboriginal access manager at Niagara College that she would be honored at a dinner prepared by students of the new division.

The dinner was prepared on Jan. 24 by Niagara College's Native Cook-Entrepreneur course, a course Winskel helped to implement, at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC).

Representing Niagara College was Dan Patterson, vice-president, Ventures, Marti Jurmain, director of access, and Carol Johnstone, development officer at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Many members of the native community who had worked with Winskel as a member of the Aboriginal Education Management Circle (AEMC) and board of directors for the FENFC were there to say goodbye as well.

"For Niagara College, this (aboriginal programs) has been very new to us over the last two or three years," Patterson said. "We have learned a great deal about aboriginal people, and it has been through Bonnie's efforts (including) the AEMC, that Niagara College has begun to know and understand the aboriginal community.

"We want to wish you a fond farewell. We are going to miss you very much," he added.

Brian Skye, Aboriginal Culinary program co-ordinator, presents a gift to Bonnie Winskel, the college's former aboriginal access manager.

Photo by Gordon Hill

Laverna Clause, who has worked closely with Winskel on the AEMC, said she "had strict orders to make you (Winskel) cry."

"We appreciate your participation, the sharing of your knowledge, the sharing of yourself as a friend and good community member, for providing leadership with NC (Niagara College) and the AEMC ... we wish you all the happiness you deserve," Clause said.

"I don't know what to say ... without a doubt this is the hardest thing I've ever done. I won't forget you, and I hope you don't forget me," Winskel said.

Winskel is headed for the mountains of Kelowna, B.C. "I spent five days there and felt more at home there than I did at home, and I met some wonderful people out there who offered to help me get started," she said.

No replacement has been named, although a province-wide search of aboriginal organizations has begun. The successful applicant does not have to be native, but it is recommended a person of native decent be awarded the position, *Winskel said.*

Winskel resigned her post Dec. 5. Her last day on the Welland campus was Jan. 25.

Earth shaking experience

By MICHAEL WALES
Staff Writer

Two Japanese students attending Niagara College were among the fortunate in the recent earthquake in their homeland — the families of both students escaped unharmed.

The disastrous quake, which occurred Jan. 17 in Kobe, killed about 5,000 people with more than 300,000 people still living in tents and makeshift shelters set up in schools and government buildings.

Yuki Taoka, an English as a Second Language (ESL) student, says she was "very concerned" upon hearing of the quake, but was relieved when she was able to establish contact with her family, who reside in Mie, east of Kobe.

Asked if her family was also unaffected by the quake, Yukie Minemura, also an ESL student, silently nodded in agreement. Her family lives north of Kobe in Niigata.

'On average, Japan experiences between three and five earthquakes a year'
Yuki Taoka

After consulting briefly with Taoka in her mother tongue, however, Minemura expressed concern for a friend from Kobe, whom she has been unable to contact.

On average, Japan experiences between three and five minor quakes each year, says Taoka.

Both students say schools and businesses in Japan provide constant earthquake training and hold frequent earthquake drills.

Taoka also says most households keep provisions, such as unperishable foods and blankets in a safe place for such instances.

Kobe is a major industrial centre, with such companies as Toyota and Mitsubishi being there, says Taoka. "There will be a major economic impact, and lots of offices will close," she says.

Correction

In the Jan. 27, 1995 edition (Vol. 27, No.8) of the Niagara News incorrect information appeared. On Page 9, Abdelbaset Yagubi's name was spelled incorrectly. In a photograph caption on Page 14, Wes Baillie's name was spelled incorrectly. The headline to the story stated he was from Australia. Baillie is from New Zealand.

On Page 1, information containing David Schleich's proper title was inadvertently removed. He is vice-president, academic.

We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

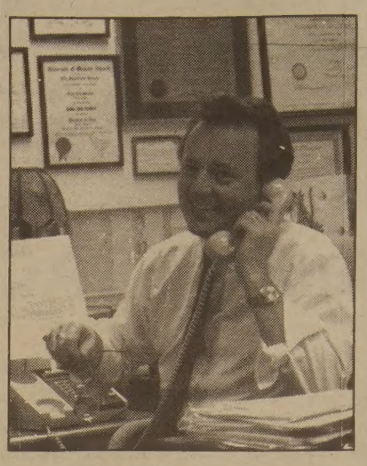
It is the policy of this paper to correct errors of fact.

Power Outage

The Security Office has announced there will be no access to the buildings on the Welland campus Sunday, Feb. 5 due to a power shutdown.

'Seamless Education: two plus two'

By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer



DAVID SCHLEICH

"Two plus two" equals potential success for high school graduate hopefuls.

In a joint collaboration, Niagara College and Westbrook Secondary School in Welland have initiated the opportunity for adult learners to gain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) as well as college upgrading credits for college entrance.

"Many adult learners who currently attend secondary school completion programs are eager to make the bridge to college in order to begin post-secondary programs which lead to work," said David Schleich, Niagara's vice-president, academics, in response to "two plus two."

In November 1994, Westbrook principal Randy Daly, along with Niagara Access Division Director Marti Jurmain, Niagara College President John Saso and Bill Millar, the director of education for the Niagara South Board of Education, signed an articulation agreement, "Seamless Education: two plus two."

Jurmain said the signed agreement "benefits the students first."

Schleich said the two unions (Ontario Public Servants Employment Union and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation) representing the faculty for both organizations, are working to implement this initiative for a possible late February 1995 start.

This translates into a unique program co-delivered by the college and the high school (one member of faculty from each educational system) which guarantees upon successful completion, entrance into a post-secondary program at Niagara.

The purpose of the alliance is to provide adult upgrading students who require the final four credits towards their OSSD, the chance to acquire both their diploma and academic improvement.

Live from BRTF. . .

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

Second-year television and radio students in the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program are getting ready to hit the air-waves with *Inside Niagara*.

The half-hour news-magazine show, produced every year by the BRTF program, will begin its 10-week run on Thursday, Feb. 16 on Maclean Hunter cable TV.

The show will be broadcast live at noon and re-broadcast the same night and twice on the weekend, said Tom Pagonis, TV instructor in the program.

The program will consist of news, sports and other features from the college and surrounding community.

Pagonis calls the show a "joint effort," with TV students working behind the scenes and radio students offering on-air talent. He said while he offers guidance to the students, he tries "to instill that it's their show."

Pagonis said he has been "very pleased" with the way the show has turned out over the past few years.

Part of the *Inside Niagara* crew, from left, are Lucy DeCandido, Christina Addario, Diane Fanstone, Andrew Marescotto, Chuck Antal, Sonya General, John Ohlman and Cindy McLeod.
Photo by Paul Hardy

While the half-hour show is broadcast live, students involved with each production spend many hours putting the show together, said Pagonis.

"There is a lot of work beyond their class time," he said.

Besides the actual studio work, there's also plenty of outside shooting and editing to do, said Pagonis.

The time leading up to a broadcast involves meetings to brainstorm ideas and determine such things as lighting and set design, music and computer graphics.

Although students will design a new set for this year's show, the name (*Inside Niagara*) will stay the same.

Lucy DeCandido and Chuck Antal, director and producer of the first show, said they want to "stick to what works."

"We don't want to re-invent the wheel," said DeCandido.

The students said they are looking forward to the first broadcast. They said one of their goals is to "out do" the work of previous years.

DeCandido said they started shooting segments for the show this week.

Copyright act to be amended

By MICHAEL WALES
Staff Writer

Legislation to amend Canada's copyright act is expected to be tabled early this year.

The legislation was outlined on Dec. 22, 1994, by Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy and Industry Minister John Manley.

"We look forward to putting in place legislation which will strike a fair balance between the rights of creators to receive remuneration for use of their works and the needs of users to have reasonable access to these works," said Manley in a press release.

Dupuy said the amendments will include additional rights for producers, performers and broadcasters for certain uses of their material.

The legislation also includes exemptions from the copyright act for institutions such as schools, libraries, archives and museums, as well as individuals with special needs.

Also being proposed is a royalty to compensate creators from royalties lost through illegal home taping.

"This will make home copying of sound recordings permissible," said Dupuy in a press release.

Both ministers said they are confident that new amendments to the copyright act will help strengthen Canadian unity and improve the economic vitality of the Canadian cultural sector.

The arts and culture sectors in Canada currently contribute about $22 billion annually to the nation's economy through the 600,000 jobs they generate.

College and universities will soon swap credits

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

Ontario students will have a guide giving information on transferring credits between college and university.

The *Ontario Transfer Guide: A Guide to Transfer Agreements Among Ontario Colleges and Universities* provides information on admissions for students who are enrolled in or graduated from an Ontario college and want to apply to university.

The guide lists specific arrangements between colleges and universities in Ontario, and arrangements Ontario colleges have with other degree-granting institutions outside the province.

The guide also lists a series of programs at colleges and universities where students can earn both a diploma and a degree, for example, a diploma in Arts Administration and an honors Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

"Over the last four years we've encouraged the development of closer ties between our colleges and universities to increase students' access and choice to post-secondary education and to make it easier for students to move from college to university and vice versa," Ontario Minister of Education and Training David Cooke stated in a press release.

"This guide reflects the growing co-operation that is taking place between our post-secondary institutions in promoting student mobility and I hope that it will form the foundation for further discussion and improvements in this area."

The Association of Colleges of Applied Arts And Technology, Ontario (ACAATO), the Council of Ontario Universities and the Ministry of Education and Training developed the guide.

"A great deal of work is taking place at the program level in developing transfer agreements between college and university aimed at providing a vast range of post-secondary opportunities," John Saso, president of Niagara College and chair of Council of Ontario Presidents, stated in a press release.

"This guide will give high school, college and university students an extremely useful tool for planning options for their future post-secondary education," the release added.

Vision 2000: A Review of the Mandate of Ontario Colleges first identified the need for transferring credits between colleges and universities; and was again identified in the Report of the Task Force on Advanced Training called, *No Dead Ends*.

Copies of the guide will be sent to high schools, public libraries, colleges, universities, and key educational organizations throughout Ontario. It will be available through Publications Ontario.

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Let us help feed our own

Soft, faint cries of hunger. Tears of another day without promise or hope of a better tomorrow. Poverty exists.

It afflicts the young, old, middle class and poor. People cry out for help. How do we stop this war of poverty? How do we solve a problem hitting our nation and world so hard? As a society, we may never find the answer.

We watch television daily and hear about the less fortunate. We see with our eyes and hear with our ears defenseless children of the streets begging for a piece of bread or glass of water. You stop and think; how lucky we as Canadians are.

Before we help other countries in need of aid we must look in our own backyard — to our own poverty-stricken numbers. Before we can begin to feed others' hungry children we must feed our own.

The hopes and dreams must never stop that one day in Canada we can live free from poverty's imposed hardship.

For the starving children, they must hold onto the dream the future has promise and hope will bring another day.

Elizabeth Monsere

Make your voice count

Opinions, opinions. Complaints, complaints. Everyone has one.

Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC) elections will be held in March. Now is the time for students to put their money where their mouths are.

Instead of complaining, do something. If you have an opinion, get involved. If you want to hold office and make the decisions on SAC pick up nomination forms at the SAC office.

Being a student councillor can be the first stepping stone for those interested in a life of politics. Take the case of Oxford MPP Kimble Sutherland, who served as a SAC president at the University of Western Ontario before finding his way to Queen's Park at the age of 24 as an elected member.

For those interested in helping shape the college's future, run as the student representative to the Board of Governors. Election kits are available from Mary Hornak in H14.

Perhaps with some constructive, channeled criticism, complaints will become compliments and opinions achievable objectives.

Willy Noiles

Our Valentine's issue coming next Friday

Letters to Editor

Student slashes SAC

Dear Editor:

How convenient that the Niagara College Students Administrative Council (SAC) should decide, 24 hours before the event (and months late), to ask the students their opinion on the proposed walk-out over tuition hikes.

I happen to know that the posters, which said something about wanting to "represent" us, went up as a result of a challenge put to them. I know this because I did the challenging.

It wasn't that I am necessarily in favor of a walk-out, but I would like to see our council acting on issues that affect us as students.

My point to them was this: the proposed tuition hikes are a serious enough item that a general meeting should have been called to inform, and provide a forum to, students about the issue.

The day after I tried to make this point, they came up with the gesture of splattering the campus with the "we want to represent you" posters.

Putting these posters up — one day before a national strike — is nothing more or less than what we have come to expect from politicians in this country. We are being given an opportunity to voice our opinions, after the decision has been made.

In my opinion, although this may well be the normal practice, it is entirely unacceptable.

This leads me to another question: What exactly has this council done in the way of taking care of our political concerns?

There are hundreds of questions and concerns regarding student issues that have not been addressed by this council.

First of all, was their proposed food drive a trial run for what will become a weekly endeavor next term?

Have they approached college administration at any point about the quality of education we are getting when our classes are being loaded to overflow with anyone who can afford tuition?

When the college was broken into in January, did anyone from SAC challenge the administration on the wisdom of leaving the college unattended at night in order to save on a security guard's salary?

Where was SAC when line-ups at the bookstore in September had students missing classes?

Why are more students not being hired to jobs on campus, as is the practise at most other Ontario colleges?

Have any council members challenged the administration on any issue regarding students?

Has a single one of our elected representatives done one thing promised when they ran for council last year?

I see no evidence to suggest that this council has done anything more than promote the consumption of alcohol, feature a few mildly interesting and economically forbidding social events, and foster a few rock 'n roll bands along the way. I say, from appearances, that this council (most of whom are in their final year) are interested in little more than collecting their honorariums and winning popularity contests within their own little cliques.

Elections are coming soon. I hope that we can get a few people interested in the race who want to do more than look like good politicians. Perhaps we can find one or two people in this college who are genuinely interested and informed about issues that affect the welfare of students.

And perhaps we, as a body, could show a little more interest. A good place to start would be by voting.

If we don't vote, if we don't challenge, then I dare say, we deserve whatever we get, which is apparently what we now have.

Respectfully,
William Webster
Year One
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Letters Policy

Your voice or opinion is welcome in our **Letters to the Editor** section. Our policy regarding letter submission is:

1. All letters must be received on the Friday one week prior to publication.
2. Each letter must include the student's name, college identification number and program of study.
3. All letters must be signed and include a day and evening phone number for verification use only.

All letters can be mailed or brought to the Niagara News newroom, Rm. S212, Simcoe Building, Welland campus.

PERSPECTIVES

Losing to cancer

By KAREN FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Life is the most precious gift we have. But it is cut short, often times, by diseases, vehicle crashes or other means.

Cancer has plagued our society for many years with no initial cure until the 1940s and 1950s. As the years pass, medical discoveries have been made for several types of cancer, but no final encompassing cure has been found.

Unfortunately, the hopes of finding a "perfect" cure may never occur.

In my 21 years, cancer has plagued my family three times. One person survives.

In 1993, my only aunt died of ovarian cancer. She was 50. During all the times I visited her in the hospital, I never expected her to die so young. It was emotionally damaging to my family and especially to me. I will never forget.

For my parents, cancer's first intrusion was 22 years ago. My sister, 3 1/2, was diagnosed with leukemia in January 1973.

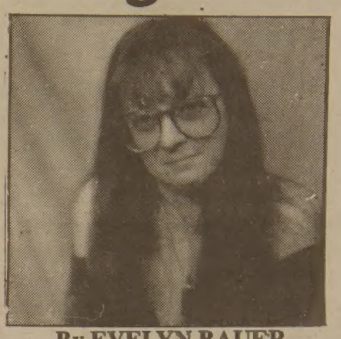
In February, I was born. In August she died. My parents lost their first child and I lost my one and only sister. Cancer took that away from me.

I am an only child. I will never know nor have the experience of a sister's love.

Deprived of that comfort, I turn to a brotherly friend. He, too, now, is ravaged by cancer. Benefited by the strength of his youth and medical advancements, perhaps he will overcome the obstacles of this deadly disease.

Six letters. Spelling life or spelling death. Are none of us immune? I have looked at the face of my mortality and I am afraid.

Tougher driver evaluation needed



By EVELYN BAUER
Staff Writer

Winter brings out the worst in drivers. I've lived in the Niagara Region for almost two years. I hate it.

I learned how to drive in Toronto, where amid almost four million people, one acquires road rules quickly.

People need driver's education.

In Germany, one must attend driver's school. It's the first of three steps to getting a licence. Basic mechanics and first aid courses follow.

Every step must be passed before the final test — the driver's exam. Canada should consider adopting more stringent methods of testing and evaluating old and new drivers.

The major bones of contention I have with many drivers follow.

1) People who talk on cellular phones while driving. How many times do these idiots think they can do two things at once successfully? If you can't rub your belly and chew gum simultaneously, don't talk and drive.

2) Drivers who apply make-up, shave, read, eat or drink hot coffee. Better time management would avoid all of the above.

3) Drunk drivers. Why do these individuals believe a few drinks makes a better driver? The provincial New Democratic government has cut funding for the police to do their job and curb the situation. Again, it is hard to do two things at once, especially while drunk.

4) Slow pokes. Many people drive snail-like to the point I believe I could walk faster. I always thought one should go with the flow. When in Rome, do as the Romans do. When following a snail, one gets nervous and does crazy things. Learn to shift in second gear, not in neutral.

6) Lane changers. I never understand why anyone has to be occupying the car length ahead of you, especially if traffic is paced and slow. The time taken to get there is the same as if you'd never moved, all without trying to kill others in the mean time. You won't get to where you're going any faster — except to your grave.

7) Tailgaters. Some of the biggest offenders are transport truck drivers and sports car drivers. This is as offensive as someone being within inches of your face. Back off! or you'll pay dearly in the long run with higher insurance rates and large fines levied by police.

These are a few of my gripes about Niagara Region drivers. If you don't know how to drive, get off the road. Driving takes great skill, concentration and fortitude. If you haven't got any of these qualities, stay off the road and do everyone a favor.

Rumors serve no purpose

'Have these people nothing better to do?'

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

"Excuse me, are you serious?"

How can people make up stories about other people. Is it an attempt to make their own miserable, pathetic, useless lives more interesting?

Have these people nothing better to do? Personally I can think of many other things for them to do. First thing they can do, is get out of my face.

I am proud of my moral values. These same values that have been taught to me by my parents, carry me through my life. One that I learned when I was young, was telling the truth. I thought that every one was taught that. But I guess in this day and age moral upbringing has suffered, due to the self-centered role models many children have.

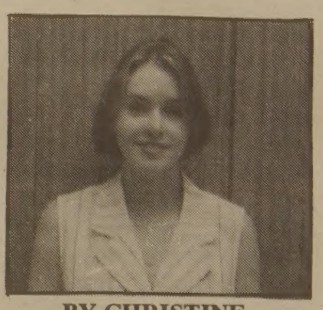
If it sounds like I am upset it's because I am. As a student who has been married less than seven months, the idea of myself being involved in an affair and now expecting a love child from this escapade is totally ridiculous. Just because two people are friends and enjoy each other's company does not mean they are anymore than friends.

Anyone who knows me, I mean really knows me, realizes that I may be arrogant, egotistical and extremely vain but also faithful, honest and very trustworthy.

I would have hoped that by the time you reached college, you had given up on a few of your childish ways.

Just so you know, I do know who started the rumors.

No laughing matter



BY CHRISTINE RAWCLIFFE
Staff Writer

Rumors can do more than hurt feelings. They can destroy friendships, end relationships and diminish your self esteem. Being the victim of a rumor is no laughing matter.

As a journalist I have learned never to print any information that may be false so that the party in question will not be affected in any way. I believe the same rule applies to everyone in society. If the information you are about to disclose is even slightly false, refrain.

Even the smallest and most insignificant of rumors eventually becomes destructive to those involved.

Confronting those who started the rumors is even more difficult than actually finding that person. "I never said that. What are you talking about?" More often than not, it isn't even worth your while to speak to these people. Denial seems to be a common symptom among them.

My advice to those who spread rumors is please keep your mouths shut. To those who are the victims of rumors remember this: "What goes around, comes around."

The truth lies within.

Promising season expected for Leafs, despite changes

By ALLAN SHIELDS
Staff Writer

If you're not a Leaf fan, don't bother reading on.

Alright. Now that you're relieved the season has finally begun, and accepted that Clark is gone, what's up with this year's blue and white.

Pat's still there, Potvin's still showing all the old goalies how they used to play, and Gilmour still manages to anger opponents with his sly deaques and passes....but what about these new young guys that have a lot to prove considering they've come to a city of expectations?

Don Cherry said on Hockey Night in Canada during Toronto's first regular season game, "Too many Europeans, too many visors. Sorry Pat, not this year."

C'mon, I think it's a bit early to make a statement like that when you've only seen one period. Fans will probably agree these guys work well together. All one can see right now is a very unusual Maple Leaf team full of capabilities.

See how Manderville, Eastwood, and Berg have been playing? These guys are playing well with the new eight young players on the team. They've got a swift kick in the butt from a young generation of talent, which of course, these three Leaf veterans belong to.

They see a new look in their teammates' faces. They're young too, and want to kick butt.

Wendel Clark left for a good reason. Mats Sundin is a big kid who can take care of himself and the other players just complete the birth of a younger, and quite capable Leaf team.

Who knows, they might not go that far this year, or you won't accept their effort because you're too busy comparing them to last year's achievement.

Last year was a different team. This is a new team. The man is gone; it will never be the same. Accept this new team and have faith in it. It'll all come together.

Sorry Don, but something good is going to happen.

Dental technician keeps busy in profession

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

For the past five years Tess Main has been a familiar face in Niagara College's dental clinic.

The hazel-eyed, brown hair dental technician worked part-time for 4 1/2 years and recently became a full-time employee.

She said she enjoys working at the college and teaching a class in dental office administration.

Main, of St. Catharines, said there was no difference between working part time and full time in the actual number of hours, just that there was more work.

Main said because there are 36 students in the Dental Hygiene program and they all need the same amount of time in clinics, additional evening clinics on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays were created.

Tess Main in the dental clinic dispensary.
Photo by Victoria Beck

The students rotate clinic for morning, afternoon and evening times. She said the evenings are good times for people who work during the day.

Prior to taking the Dental Assistant program at Niagara College in 1982, Main said she took the Health Sciences prep program but found she was not interested in that career.

In 1993 she took a preventative dental assistant (PDA) course from The University of Western Ontario.

Main said there was such a gap between dental assisting and PDA because "it wasn't offered until 1992. The summer of 1992 was the first year it was offered. Ontario is the only province that does not have a PDA program, all the other provinces across Canada have PDA programs.

Main said she worked 9 1/2 years in general practice with a dentist. "He did a lot of surgery in hospitals. We did a lot of things. He went from a private practice to a group practice. Then I felt I was ready for a change, I needed something more challenging. And it certainly has been.

"There are a lot of people from out East that come to Ontario, and this is what put the push on. Through the Dental Assisting Association, they have been offering it for a couple of years."

"The fact that it's very up-to-date. We have to be in a teaching institution. You have to be on top of things."

Main said she thinks she is a "better all round person for having worked," and is happy with her career choice.

For the past five years Main has been a board representative for the Niagara Regional Dental Assistant Affiliate for all of Ontario. Four of the years were as vice-president of the local area.

She said she brings forth any problems the area may be having and "passes along the new information that comes down from the Ontario level to the people in our area, but it's time to step down and let someone else take over."

Her "life is very, very busy between work and extra-curricular activities with family."

Main is working on getting her certificate as an adult educator.

Main said she has no desire currently to become a dental hygienist but will not say that she never will become one in the future.

Main has been married for the past 12 years and has two children.

Employers, students come together

By KARIN KEIR
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism students got a chance to meet industry representatives last week at a Career Fair held in the foyer of the Niagara Falls campus.

"This event is planned to bring employers and students together to discuss career opportunities in the growing and vibrant hospitality and tourism industries," said Christine Drobnich, co-op liaison officer for the Hospitality and Tourism Centre who organized the event held Jan. 25. "Resumes were exchanged and contacts were made," she added.

Of the 250 employers Drobnich contacted, 15 attended. Local establishments such as the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, the Ameri-Cana Resort and the Minolta Tower, all of Niagara Falls, and the Whirlpool Jet and Queen's Landing of Niagara-on-the-Lake had information booths available to talk with possible future employees. The Rimrock Resort Hotel of Banff, Alta. was the only out-of-province establishment at the Career Fair.

"The (industry) representatives were very friendly, very informative. It was definitely a very good opportunity for all the students to look for a job," said Oliver Krause, 22, a second-year Culinary Skills student.

"I thought it was interesting. The job market looks pretty promising . . . we'll soon find out," added Michael Muli, 21, also a second-year Culinary Skills student.

Some students did have concerns about the lack of representation from out-of-town establishments.

"The Rimrock Hotel was the only out-of-town business, there were a lot from this region. It would have been nice to see people from different places," said Denise Ryan, 23, a first-year Hotel and Restaurant Management student.

Drobnich said the employers seemed pleased. "Comments such as dedicated, professional and determined were mentioned in regard to our students."

Positive results at Job Fair

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

The Job Fair/Career Day was a "success" and Co-op officials are happy campers.

For the first time in five years, the event was held to help Hospitality and Tourism program students find jobs, says Leo Tiberi, manager of co-operative education and career serves. He said the result of the event was a "huge success.

"There has not been a job fair for five years and right there shows the economy is changing for the better.

"The job fair will not only produce a lot a jobs it will produce a lot of opportunities.

"The students have to be prepared, it's up to them to succeed.

"The employers are there saying here's a job, here's your career, but it is up to the student if it is going to work out," said Tiberi.

"We're very pleased about the results of Job Fair," said Janet Forfar, career services officer.

"Employers were very pleased of the skills presented by the students," said Forfar.

Fun for all at After Hours

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Dave Rapelje, manager of Niagara College's After Hours, wants students to use and enjoy their Student Centre.

"We've implemented a lot of rules since September, emphasizing After Hours as being a Student Centre that happens to serve alcohol," said Rapelje.

"You don't have to get drunk to enjoy yourself."

"We've taken a lot of time and effort to make After Hours a healthy part of Niagara students' social life."

Rapelje said there won't be "big incentive specials promoting alcohol" because they don't want to encourage the drinking aspect of After Hours.

He said they would rather concentrate on the socializing, the relaxed atmosphere of the Comfort Zone and activities being promoted by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

"After Hours is the students centre, they're paying for it and they deserve to get their money's worth."

Students are welcome to socialize, relax or study in the Comfort Zone, play arcade games, shoot pool, enjoy a meal or beverage at After Hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. special events are featured at After Hours, with DJs, live bands and top name comedians, scheduled for February.

All students must show picture ID and those under legal drinking age can enter by wearing approved wrist bracelets.

Rapelje said he has 25 students working part time at After Hours this term and any Niagara student looking for part-time work can apply.

Fibre-optic network coming

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

The 21st century is coming to Niagara College and a fibre-optic network will be bringing it there.

Beginning at the end of March, fibre-optic lines will be laid throughout Niagara's Welland campus, said Beth Weldon, director, Management Information Systems.

Fibre-optic lines will also be incorporated into the construction of the new campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

She said the new fibre-optic lines will not only link areas of the college, but will bring us "a little closer to place-independent learning."

As well as the fibre-optic lines, Weldon said the college will be installing a new digital voice switch, and will be outfitting a "minimum" of three classrooms with multimedia equipment and Internet access.

The $1.06 million project is being funded in part by the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Program and in part by "local partners." Weldon said the local partners include Niagara College and the vendor selected to do the work.

The Infrastructure Program was created in order to renew government facilities. For example, Weldon said the City of Thorold used its infrastructure allowance to build a fire hall.

"Our infrastructure is our own electronic highway," she said. She said Niagara's network is aging and the fibre-optics will replace it and give a whole new approach to learning.

Weldon said tenders for the work went out in the fall and responses are being reviewed. In the tenders, the college asked for what Weldon calls "dynamic partnering". She said Niagara is looking for a company that will "work with us" by providing money and expertise. She said the school wants a long-term relationship, not just a company that will do the work and leave.

Weldon said she expects by the end of February, the school will have selected the vendors for the work.

"We're building for the future together," she said.

FEATURE PAGE

Students get VIP tour

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

On Nov. 10, 1994, 17 second-year Journalism-Print program students were given the grand tour of the Hamilton Spectator's daily newspaper complex.

It was a rare opportunity for the students and an obvious delight to the publisher.

Instead of the standard run of the mill tour, students were privileged to spend about 20 minutes listening to Chett Doherty, publisher of this news empire.

He was a tall, grey-haired man, who spoke convincingly of the newspaper industry, as he stood before the wannabe journalists, in his rolled-up shirtsleeves calmly chatting with the tongue-tied students.

Doherty questioned them on their plans and goals for their own careers explaining he too, had been a young reporter in New Brunswick in 1974.

"It was a tough job to get into," he said adding, "our real job is to define the questions," the reading public wants to know.

Being a reporter "requires intelligence, common sense and the ability to make good sentence structure," said Doherty.

He said he is a big fan of question and answer formats, but when the nervous students fumbled the ball, he generously gave the students a brief history lesson on what was obviously the love of his life.

He said the Spectator has been owned by William Southam and his heirs for the past 114 years and has been published for 145 years. It employs about 120 people producing from about 80 rolls of newsprint each day and distributing about 70,000 newspapers daily.

Doherty affectionately calls one of the 18 Southam daily newspapers "The Spec". He said along with the dailies, they also produce weekly and community newspapers and have a wide variety of newspaper support services.

He proudly boasted the Spectator was one of the most modern newspapers in the world and explained why 60 per cent of the paper was devoted to advertising space because advertisements pay the bills.

While he said the news was vital and most rewarding to the reporters, the advertising department was crucial to keep the wheels of business in motion and "keep the presses running."

The "Hamilton Spec" has two editions. They are the metro edition and the "Burlington Spec" which serves local dealers, the Three-Star-Edition that serves all surrounding communities except Halton County and the Home Final Edition is delivered to homes and stores in the Hamilton area.

Making a final statement to the students, he suggested they concentrate on "multi-media" and allowed the group to continue its tour.

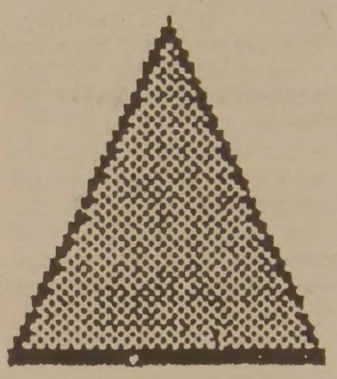
The students were then given a complete tour of the rest of the building and details of its workings were explained by one of the public relations personnel.

On Jan. 13, Doherty said in an announcement on CHCH-TV Television that the Hamilton Spectator was going to change its production schedule and begin a morning edition.

"The wind is at our sails and the world is out there," he said.

Man fights intolerance

Gay man open about his sexuality



By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

For one gay male, the way to fight intolerance is talking to people individually.

young man. He's been open about his sexuality with family and friends, he says, since coming out at a Christmas ceremony in Grade 11.

High school life was "tense," he says. After coming out, he was on the receiving end of a few physical blows. But Hogarth takes it in stride.

He was a target, he says, because "people see me. I'm the most vocal."

When a person is out in the public eye, he says, they are going to find people who are "intolerant."

And although he "learned to hate gym class," he joined the football and wrestling teams. Physical sports were good, he says, because "it allowed me to get my aggressions out."

In the second year of his program, he's trying to make life a little easier for those just coming out. Since November, he's been vice-president of Niagara College's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) Club.

The purpose of the club, he says, is for support and a social gathering.

Although a few signs announcing the club's meeting times were ripped down in November, he says people are becoming more tolerant.

"I think a lot of people's attitudes have changed."

As for his own values, he's "old-fashioned." His first sexual experience was this past summer.

He says he had wanted to wait until he was in love.

Asked if he's ever had sex with a female, he's quick to answer. He's tried with two different women, but it didn't work out, he says.

"Everything was fine," he says with irony, "until the naked bodies touched."

At present the LGB Club has 20 members, but Hogarth says he would like to see that number grow. Some people are unaware of the club's existence, he says.

Content with his life, he's busy with studies, a part-time job and his social life.

And though he's not as politically-minded as some gay men, he would like to change one perception.

"We don't want the marriage ceremonies," he says. "We just want to make sure the people we care about are taken care of."

"We just want to make sure the people we care about are taken care of," Mike Hogarth

Mike Hogarth, a second-year Human Relations program student, does not shy away from sharing his experiences with others, whether it's speaking to a group, such as a Social Deviance class he came out in, or one-on-one.

"There's only so much you can do," says the 21-year-old St. Catharines resident. "You meet people one at a time."

Coming out to his classmates in Social Deviance last year was nothing new for this honest, forthright

History teacher to take a three-legged tour

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

For most people when they plan a vacation, they dream of sandy beaches and enjoying a warm climate.

However, coconut trees and pool-side lounging is not the ideal setting for a Niagara College teacher as he plans his summer vacation.

George Blazetich, a history teacher, plans to dangle his toes in the salty waters of the Adriatic Coast this June and get close enough to witness the on-going war in the former Yugoslavia.

"I am going to Croatia to sun myself and to visit my old haunts," said Blazetich.

The first part of his three-leg tour begins in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. He said he wants to visit the small town of Motovun, near Zagreb, before he heads to Istria to "laze about the Adriatic.

"It's going to be like a ghost town. The tourism industry is suffering because of the war. But I love the ambiance and no tourist pressure."

The history teacher, who often incorporates many of his travel experiences in his lectures, said he is "magnetically drawn" to Europe and the facination of the war.

"This time I want to get as close as possible to witness the war and hopefully get some photos," he said.

Visiting the sites of Romania, where former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and wife Elena were executed in the 1989 revolution, is another fasination of Blazetich's, which he intends to make part of his journey.

Historical places and absorbing the culture of each country is what Blazetich said he enjoys most.

"I want to visit Transylvannia and continue on the Drakula tour. Transylvania is another interesting place...and even if there were no legend of Drakula it would be necessary to create one."

At the end of his journey, Blazetich will re-acquaint himself with the familiar sites and sounds of Budapest, Hungary.

"I love the Hungarian culture and feel very comfortable there," said Blazetich.

But he leaves no stone unturned, no street left unwalked as he returns to Berlin after 15 years.

"I realized I had a friend that has an apartment in Berlin...I couldn't resist."

The apartment, on Berlin's most famous street Kurfurstendammstrasse, is exactly where Blazetich said he wants to be.

"I am looking forward to this trip. I know it's going to be different."

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Orientation committee overworked

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

With six new programs being introduced and four separate student intakes set for this year, Lou Dimattio, Niagara College's assistant director to student life and success, said the orientation committee "has its hands full."

Desmond McCurry, associate registrar, met with the orientation committee on Jan. 25.

McCurry proposed Feb. 27 as the tentative date for the next student intake.

The programs are the Business Enterprise Development, Network Administration, Culture Resources Management, Library Computer Network Specialist and Interactive Multimedia.

The orientation committee, consisting of Paul Campbell, chair, David Rapelje, Randy Conlon, Brigitte Chicki and Dimattio.

It "is a small, hard-working group that gets the job done," Dimattio said.

"We have a small committee of work horses," she said.

Dimattio said the hardest problem with organizing an orientation is "getting people to help."

She said the Student Administration Council (SAC) "have been very helpful, however, they are students. Not only do they have classes to attend, grades to maintain, they also have many duties as SAC members."

The next orientation is slated for the end of February and another in May with a projected influx of 300 students, Dimattio said.

This orientation will be geared to "one stop shopping for post diploma students," Campbell said.

"It is always a challenge, trying to relate to such a diverse population of varied age groups," she said.

Dimattio said a third of the 505 students registered for the January Start programs participated in a scavenger hunt, information session and "enjoyed" complimentary donuts and lunch.

"We're not going to please everybody, but we try to make each orientation fun, exciting and informative for every student," she said.

"You've just got to get involved."

New French college in Welland set to open in September

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Welland's new French college, Le College des Grands Lacs is taking education into the future.

Opening in September 1995, Le College des Grands Lacs is "considering all technologies available," said Lise Milenkoff, 38, liaison for French Language Services at Niagara College and for the new French college.

Classrooms set up in access centres will offer students a chance to interact with teachers and faculty even if they are in a different city.

The college's target enrolment for the first year is 150 students. Students will attend classrooms not knowing if the teacher will be in front of them, on a television monitor or a voice coming out of a speaker.

Five access centres will be set up in Hamilton, Penetanguishine, Toronto, Windsor and Welland. Welland will also house the administrative needs of the college.

Milenkoff said textbooks will be designed to fit the needs of a distant education student. She said allotted time slots for individual teachers will be posted so students can contact them personally.

Students in first-year French language programs at Niagara College will have the option of attending Le College des Grands Lacs or remain here and take the course in English.

Student services at the new college will be as close to a "traditional college" as possible.

"We will have to form partnerships with different communities and their services," said Milenkoff.

In the planning stage is an information session for students and parents interested in attending the new college. Marquis Bureau, president of the new college, will be the guest speaker.

For further information please contact Lise Milenkoff at 735-2211, ext. 7615.

New program aims to improve library services

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

A new program aimed at librarians and library workers is starting at Niagara College Feb. 27.

The Library Computer Network Specialist Post-diploma program is pending approval from the Ministry of Education and Training.

The Niagara College Resource Centre at the Welland campus will be holding an information session Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.

The enrolment for this program is limited to 35 people. The program is two semesters and will be at the Welland campus. In order to apply for the post-diploma program, students must have graduated from a college Library Technique program or have a Technician diploma.

Other admission requirements for this course include having a degree in the Library Science program or at least five years' experience working in a library. Applicants must be employed in an automated library.

After completion, the job titles can include systems librarian, library systems assistant, library system manager and library computer specialist.

The Library Computer Specialist Program is designed to provide experienced library workers, including those who are currently working with automated library systems.

The post-diploma program will have skill sets, which will equip them for immediate and future needs in the ever-widening spectrum of the technology-based library sector.

"Trish Labonte (head librarian for the Welland campus) informed me that there is a need for this program in that economic sector," says Nancy Cain, Niagara College's director for the Centre for Advanced Studies.

"This is a modularized program with a strong hands-on focus," states an information pamphlet describing the program provided by the college.

"The concept for this program arose from informal discussions with other librarians across the region," says Labonte.

She says although "we are employed in diverse settings we all share the need for more technicial understanding of computer systems, and the implication for improved library services."

Teachers and students agree Horticultural program is 'intense and rewarding'

'I highly recommend this course', says first-year student Warren Smith

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Practical experience and hard work are the keys to success in the Niagara College Horticultural program.

The 100-student, two-year program is "very rewarding" and offers a "lot of high student pratical experience," says Tom Ball, co-ordinator for the Horticultural Technician program.

"The course is very intense, and it is a lot of work," says Brian Sapezinskas, Horticulture Technician first-year program student.

With a business at home, he says the Horticulture program will help him further his efforts and gain more usable knowledge.

Warren Smith, first-year Horticulture Technician program student, says the program has a lot of material and "I highly recommend this course."

"The program has a lot of good teachers and the course is very well planned," he says.

"The course is excellent for hands-on-experience with plants and working materials. The teachers are really personal and the program is great," says Barb Caron, Horticulture Technician program student.

Horticulture students dig into their work.
Photo by Sue Noble

Communications for Arborists started last year at the Horticulture Centre. This program is specialized with an apprenticeship focus. Students attend this program in Janurary and Feburary.

Twelve-week basic courses are followed by advanced study courses for eight weeks.

"I love this program very much, and the teachers are very specialized," says David Cote, a second-year student in the Communications for Arborists program.

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Niagara College welcomes two new counsel lors

EMMY MONTEMURRO-BAXTER

Two new guidance positions have been filled by the Student Services Department as of early January.

Emmy Montemurro-Baxter is a former graduate in 1981 in early education at Niagara College. She studied at the University of Toronto in psychology and philosophy. She also studied at the University of Niagara, in New York, obtaining a masters of education, with a specialty in counselling.

Montemurro-Baxter was in counselling as a field placement and then came back part time as a counsellor at Niagara College for a couple of years and taught career planning and the criminal justice system.

"I love it. It is exactly what I wanted to do," said Montemurro-Baxter.

Being a counsellor has many rewards. The prime concerns for Montemurro-Baxter are:

1) Career choices and planning. Every student needs to know that their academic subjects and requirements are being met. If there is any difficulty, what are the options available to assist the student to meet those needs.

2) Personal life. If a student has any problems that need some guidance and direction, there is someone there to help show the student alternatives to a viable solution.

"Anybody can come in, whether it is a small or big problem," she said.

Counselling times are three days a week at the Welland campus and two days a week at the Mack Centre in St. Catharines.

Montemurro-Baxter is the faculty adviser to the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Club at the college.

She said her main objective is "to help people sort out their own problems not to solve them, but to present it and help give direction for a solution."

'This is a great source of satisfaction'

Sandy Cornett is well versed in the field of counselling through education and experience.

Cornett has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Guelph. His first career was with the government of Ontario's corrections system. Later, he worked as a probation officer for 13 years.

"This led to the involvement with the community and participation in career days with high schools," said Cornett.

This soon "led to the discovery" that Cornett enjoyed teaching. He took a leave of absence and went to teacher's college at the University of Toronto.

"It was a very enjoyable experience to return to school as an adult," he said. "Community college was always on the top of my list."

In 1991, Cornett taught courses for the Law and Security Administation (LASA) program.

"I have always enjoyed counselling as a probation officer and enjoyed the one-on-one contact."

The big job satisfaction is "problem solving."

That is "being able to work through a problem with a student," he said, adding there are three areas of major concern: academic, career and personal.

He said each day and each situation is different. This, therefore, provides different challenges.

"My goal is to help them choose the proper program and proper career path. This a great source of satisfaction," said Cornett.

Cornett works five days a week, two days at the Niagara College and three days in St. Catharines at Welland Vale campus.

"Counselling staff are an example of learning," said Cornett, adding that "making the student aware there is no end to learning."

SANDY CORNETT

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In the field, students pass phase two

By MARK BROUWER
Staff Writer

The second phase of Core Certification program training for Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) members has been completed. This three-day hands-on application of skills learned from phase one involved a hazard analysis of the college facilities on Cushman Road in St. Catharines.

"Cushman Road was chosen because of the diversity of programs it offers," said Rick Demers, supervisor of health and safety and security.

There were a few problems recognized, said Demers. One was an inadequate distribution of material safety data sheets, displayed in workstations for workers and students. These sheets recognize any dangers or procedures and provide emergency information.

"The people involved at Cushman Road are doing their utmost to maintain safety standards. The permanent residents take health and safety seriously," said Demers.

Certification training was developed by the Workplace Health and Safety Agency (WHSA) to reduce the number of workplace injuries in Ontario. It provides training for persons to act in the capacity of certified members on the JHSCs, which were established to improve safety standards in all sectors.

"Phase three of the program isn't completed yet," said Demers, "We are providing feedback to WHSA to help develop modules."

Demers said the third part to the training will be tooled "precisely to the sector."

Niagara College's Orientation Committee

Niagara College's orientation committee from left are Brigette Chicki, Paul Campbell, Lou Dimattio, Dave Rapelje, top left, and Randy Conlon. See story Page 8.

Photo by Sue Noble

Getting bundled up for the cold

Maria Boichuk, an early childhood educator, bundles up little Selina before another period of playtime outside.

Photo by Willy Noiles

ENTERTAINMENT

Sickboys never follow

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

Steve Stumble flashes a wicked grin then breaks into a barrage of vocal cacophony harmonized by Paul Drynkital's blunt three chord licks, George E. Boy's hammering bass, and Jeff Porno's thundering bass drum.

Well, maybe the bass drum isn't "thundering" as Jeff complains of a broken kick pedal and says morosely that he is penniless to buy a new one. The Sickboys are used to such typical trouble, whether it's during their weekly Tuesday night practices, while fixing their dilapidated tour bus or while getting the boot from a belligerent bar owner.

St. Catharines' own punk rock band, the Sickboys are made from the same stuff that made bands like the (politically incorrect) Dead Kennedys, Stiff Little Fingers and the Dead Boys, the idols of teens and the bane of parents way back when polyester pants were hip and lapels were as wide as glider wings.

The Sickboys' logo, featuring an inebriated young man sprawled out and songs about married exotic dancers hounded by voyeuristic neighbors and narcissistic proclamations, ensures them a large cult following among teenagers.

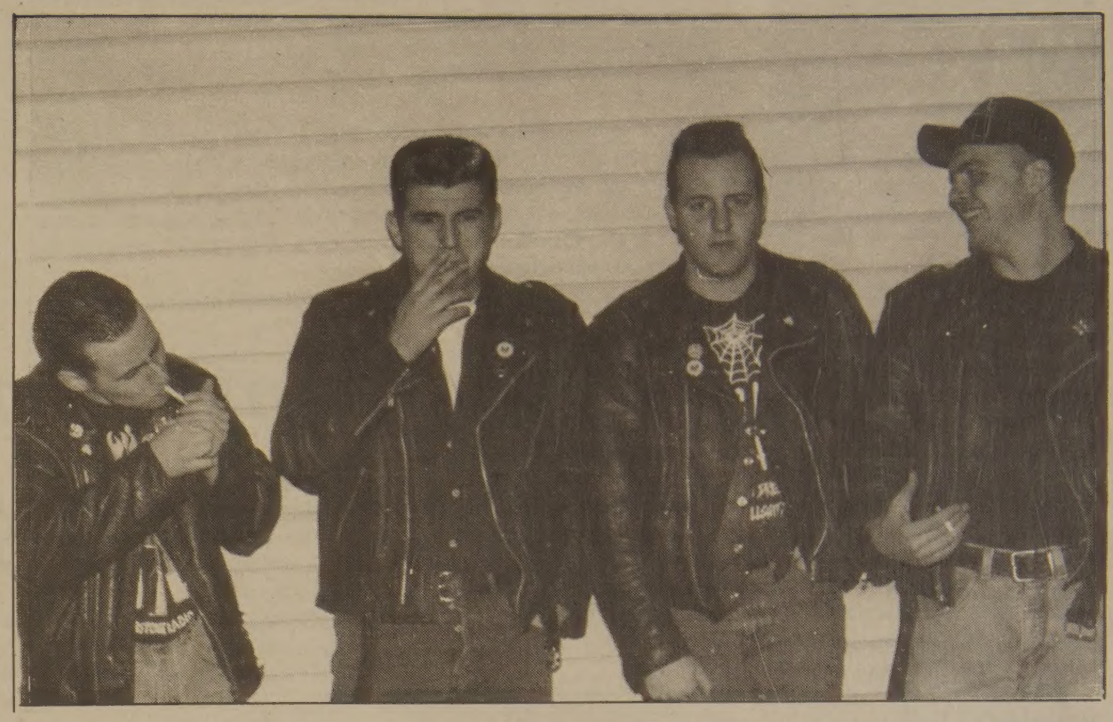
Bands are taking notice. Not only have they opened for local legendaries Teenage Head and the Forgotten Rebels; but they've had gigs with California big wigs like the Cadillac Tramps and the Devil Dogs. They also have contacts with (Jerry Lee Lewis loving) Reverend Horton Heat.

The Sickboys have never followed music style rules or trends, that's why they are critical of the resurgence of independent music in Canada. Bands like Bender, Treble Charger, and Sloan bother them because they represent a growing trend toward same sounding "pop-rock."

"I see all these kids with backpacks sitting on the floor and it turns me off," says Stumble.

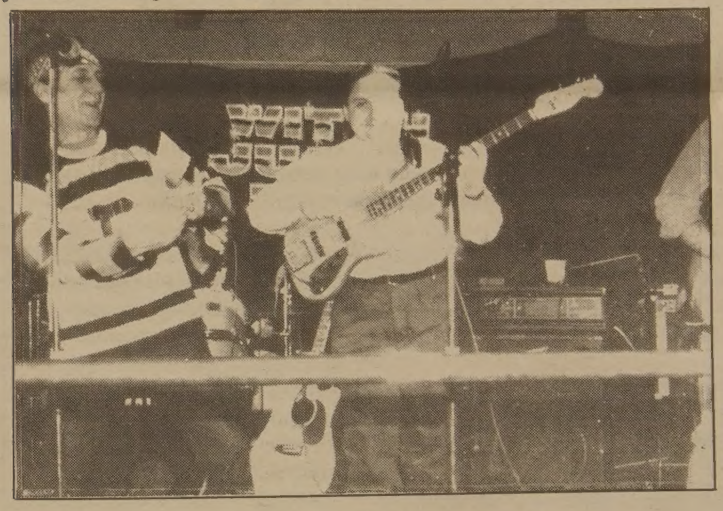
"It's not about getting signed," says George. "It's about doing what you want when you get signed."

Meanwhile the Sickboys are looking forward to celebrating their two-year anniversary at the Club in downtown St. Catharines on Feb. 11.



The Sickboys are celebrating their second anniversary at The Club in downtown St. Catharines Feb. 11. From left are Paul Drynkital, George E. Boy, Steve Stumble and Jeff Porno.
Photo by Bryan Bernat

Small turnout for Witch Juan's Bob



Witch Juan is Bob?

'It's a shame' Killeen

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

Student Administrative Council (SAC) and After Hours presented Witch Juan's Bob to a small crowd of about 20 people on Jan. 25.

The doors were set to open at 7:30 p.m. and a crowd gathered around the front doors of the After Hours building. After waiting about 15 minutes in the cold, some of the crowd dispersed.

"I waited around until someone opened the door. It was about 8 p.m. or so before we got in," said Phil Livingstone, who visited Niagara College. "I really wanted to see the band because I heard they were good. The band wasn't bad, but they really didn't play any classic rock like advertised," said Livingstone.

"The band was really tight and they certainly knew how to play," said Angela Killeen, who also visited the college. "The vocals were good and full of soul."

The bartender was late and David Rapelje, After Hours manager, had to fill the position.

"I would like to come back to Niagara, but not if they are this unprofessional. I had four friends bail on me because the doors were locked," said Livingstone.

"I wish someone would take more care in organizing these events," added Killeen. "It's a shame to have a band play for a hand full of people because someone forgot to open the doors at 7:30 p.m."

Zoe and Zed triumph in unique film

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

Killing Zoe

Killing Zoe is a unique, unforgettable film now available on video cassette.

Killing Zoe is about an American named Zed (Eric Stolz) who is invited to France to unlock the vaults of the national bank in an attempt to rob billions of dollars worth of gold bars. He soon falls in love with Zoe (Julie Delpy), a beautiful prostitute.

His longtime friend who plans the whole escapade introduces Zed to a number of essentric characters. The characters in the film are believable and the dialogue is well written.

After a night of heroin and other narcotics, the gang sets out to make history. The robbery goes as planned until certain misfortunes plague the thieves.

After the police surround the bank and invade, the thieves turn on one another.

Zoe, who works as a teller at the bank, meets up with a surprised Zed. Together they fight the vicious thieves who are practically insane, trick the police and escape.

The plot was predictable but the characters make this film. They were brought to life by the talented actors and the splendid scriptwork.

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True Lies

True Lies delivers non-stop action and adventure.

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as a secret agent who literally saves the world.

Teamed up with Tom Arnold, who adds comic relief to the hi-intensity action, he rescues his wife who falls in the hands of Middle-East terrorists. Besides some preposterous stunts, the movie runs smoothly and succeeds at entertaining the audience.

A big budget movie that results in one of the best action movies of the year.

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Legends of the Fall a winner

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

A five star movie is born. The trials and tribulations of an American family on a journey through their roller coaster lives is the basis for the newest romantic adventure film released by Columbia Tri Star of Canada.

"Legends of the Fall" is a movie that keeps the audience on the edge of their seat. Entering this world I expected to be involved in a steamy love story but was pleasantly surprised.

Brad Pitt gives an Oscar-worthy performance as the character of Tristan, a young wild man raised with the beliefs of the natives. He has very few lines. Pitt's performance is dominated by his use of body language and is only overshadowed by Anthony Hopkins and his portrayal of a retired army officer trying to overcome his separation from his wife.

The two combine to create a completely alternative reality in which the viewer unknowingly gets lost while watching the film.

The romance is balanced with action. In one case the action is based upon the romance. Giving concrete examples of this would, unfortunately, hurt the effect of the viewer's first experience.

This movie is the must see of the year and has the potential to sweep the Oscars. If "Legends of the Fall" had been released in 1994, one would have to wonder if "The Lion King" and "Forrest Gump" would have been such great money makers.

"Legends of the Fall" is one of the best movies of all time. It compares with the greatest love stories—"Gone with the Wind" due to the strong portrayals and excellent plot. Overall rating for "Legends of the Fall" is the maximum five stars.

SPORTS

Watch out for the Niagara Knights

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Blair Cudmore is again the top player in the Ontario College Athletic Association's division one men's volleyball.

Cudmore continued his league dominance with 158 kills and 192 points in 11 games, giving him an average of 5.2 points a game.

Greg Heyder, of the Knights, is helping his team out with 68 kills and 92 points with an average of 3.5 points a game. With Heyder and Cudmore's help the Knights are in second place and challenging for the top spot.

Cudmore has to share this week's top honors with Mike Hurley of the men's basketball team. Hurley is the league leader with an average of 23 points a game. The basketball team is in fifth place in a tough west division. Adriaan Knaap, of Niagara, is ranked sixth in the division with an average of 16 points a game.

The women's basketball team kept their hold on fourth place with a record of five wins and four losses. With an average of 12.4 points a game, Niagara's Kelly Smith is ranked 11th in the division.

Skating over to the ice rinks, Niagara's hockey Knights have slipped in the standings. Luckily for the team, they still have a few games left to play. The team is in sixth place. Team captain Dave Crane has 23 points with seven goals and 16 assists.

Despite a small team, the women's volleyball team is clinging to sixth place with a record of four wins and 10 losses.

Lyndon Johnson tangles with a Cambrian player.
Photo by Frank Serra

Knights hockey take a beating

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

Cambrian College from Sudbury showed why they are the only team in the league with over 100 goals, whipping Niagara College 9-1 at the Welland Arena last Friday night.

Cambrian dominated the Knights from the opening face-off with aggressive checking and quick passing.

It didn't take long for frustration to set in for Niagara and they didn't hold punches, literally, taking bad penalty after bad penalty.

The Knights totalled 59 minutes in the penalty box and had less than a strong effort on the ice.

Knights' goalie Dave Boulton started the game and faced 41 shots after two periods before being pulled. Rob LeMaitre came into the game to start the third, but was replaced after only six minutes. Boulton finished the game preventing Cambrian from reaching double digits.

A talented Cambrian team was just too much to handle for the frustrated Knights. Niagara rarely had possession of the puck, and when they did, creativity in the offensive zone was lacking.

A disappointed Niagara College head coach Jim Beattie said after the game the Knights had a lack of zip and aggression.

"We showed weakness, we were mentally prepared but got too far ahead of ourselves in the game," said Beattie.

He cites Cambrian's aggressive play to the fact that the team recently lost a couple of games to weaker teams in the division with some of their players missing due to suspensions.

Unfortunately for Niagara, Cambrian came to Welland with their starting squad and fire in their eyes. They were hungry for a win.

The Knights will try to claw back to .500 tomorrow night when they take on Sault College at the Welland Arena at 8 p.m.

Niagara's record stands at four wins, five losses and one tie.

Men's volleyball looks to be powerful on the road to the OCAA playoffs

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

In the absence of head coach Ray Sarkis, the Knights' men's volleyball team took a game from the Mohawk Mountaineers last Friday night in Hamilton.

Assistant coach Paul Peebles stepped up to coach the Knights to a victory, which gives them a record of 10 wins and three losses and places them in second place in the standings.

The Knights won 12-15, 15-5, 15-11 and 15-13.

"Even though they lost the first game, they regrouped and came together to have an all-around good game," said Sarkis. "Drew Clements had one of his strongest games where he used his head, thinking clearly, and put the offence together."

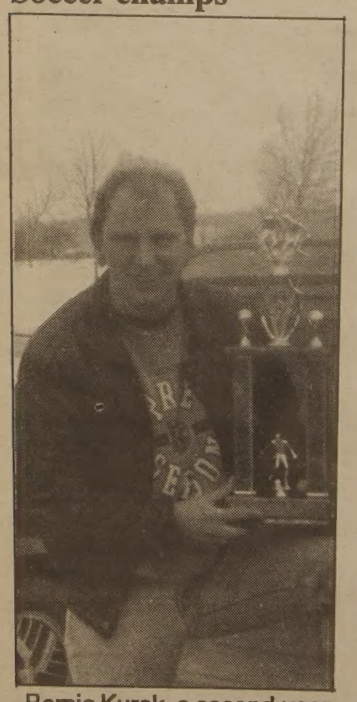
Jim Konrad, who was filling in for injured middle hitter Brian Dunn and who is originally a power hitter, had 14 kills, despite turning his ankle in the first game.

Blair Cudmore led the Knights' offence with 18 kills. Greg Heyder and Konrad led the defensive end with four stuffs each.

The Knights have put a lock on home court advantage for the quarter final match in the playoffs.

They played their final season game against Redeemer College in Ancaster on Wednesday. The Knights will participate in an invitational tournament at Seneca College in North York this weekend.

Soccer champs



Bernie Kurek, a second-year Law and Security student, is holding the championship trophy that was won by the Niagara College soccer club team.
Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

Knaap powers with 31 points

By CRAIG MORRISON
Staff Writer

It was nothing but the Niagara Knights on Friday, Jan. 27 as the men's basketball team hosted another victory over Hamilton's Mohawk College.

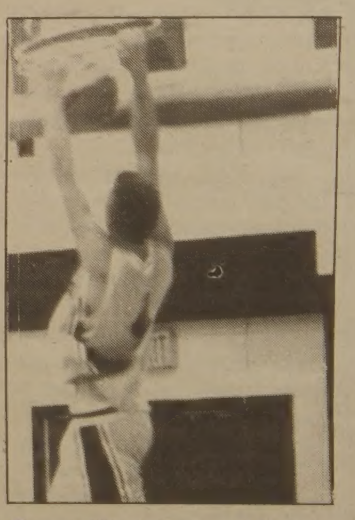
The night game brought a good sized crowd, as they were pleased over the non stop action.

Niagara's high scorer of the game was Adriaan Knaap, who accumulated an impressive score of 31 points.

Dave Griffin of Mohawk accumulated 25 points, but seemed a bit sluggish compared to the high flying Knaap.

The Knights' scorers consisted of Knaap with 31 points, John Nicholson and Sergio Verces with 13 points each, Mike Hurley and Frank Keltos both managed 12 points each, and John Wark scored three points.

The final score of the game was 84-74 in favor of Niagara College.



Derek Flindall slams during the win on Jan. 27.
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In league standings the Niagara Knights have two wins and three losses.

Niagara's next game is tonight against St. Clair College in Windsor.

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Knights lose heartbreaker

Knights' record drops to 4-8

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Luck was not on Niagara College's side Friday night as they lost 16-14, 15-13 and 16-14 to the Mohawk Mountaineers in Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) women's volleyball action.

The Knights jumped into an early 11-3 lead in the first game, but Mohawk stormed back to win 16-14.

The Knights' luck went sour as they lost starter Keira Kalckreath to an ankle injury in the first game.

"I was very happy with our performance tonight. We worked as a team and we never gave up at the end," said coach John Kwiatkowski.

"Our team is getting better everyday and tonight everybody gave 100 per cent."

The Knights were led by Laura Chatterton, who had 19 kills, and Lucy Decandido who had 11.

Niagara was winning in all three games at the late stages.

The Knights were leading 13-10 in the first game, 12-9 in the second game and 13-9 in third.

"They did not want to give up. They started playing tougher at the end of each game," said Kwiatkowski. "Both teams deserved to win that match."

The Knights' luck went bad again in the second game when three bad calls went against them.

"We just ignored the bad calls, we can't win by complaining to each other," said Daniella Pippo, a player on the team.

"I thought we played a lot better tonight as a team than we did on Wednesday," said Chatterton.

"We played a lot better tonight, it was definitely a team effort," said Pippo. "I have been on the team for two weeks and I've seen good team effort, but tonight was our best team effort.

"If we play as a team like tonight when you lose, it won't effect you as much."

"I was pleased with our performance tonight, we had great effort from everybody on the team," said Lucy Decandido.

"A lot of times when we start losing we don't come back, but tonight we fought right to the end and I was very happy with that. I thought we played very well after losing Keira, we stayed focused and we did not let that put us down.

"I was focused more than I am normally and I was very happy about that. I served well and I digged well, but I don't think I stand out as a superstar, but I was very pleased with my performance."

Decandido recently won the Niagara Athletics Scholarship Award.

"Everybody has improved so much," said Michelle Flaglor. "Kelly Reid has done extremely well with her digging. She's been covering very well for us this year.

"I thought we played awesome tonight. We stayed focused and when we were down, we just brought our spirits up. We didn't get down after losing the first game," Flaglor added.

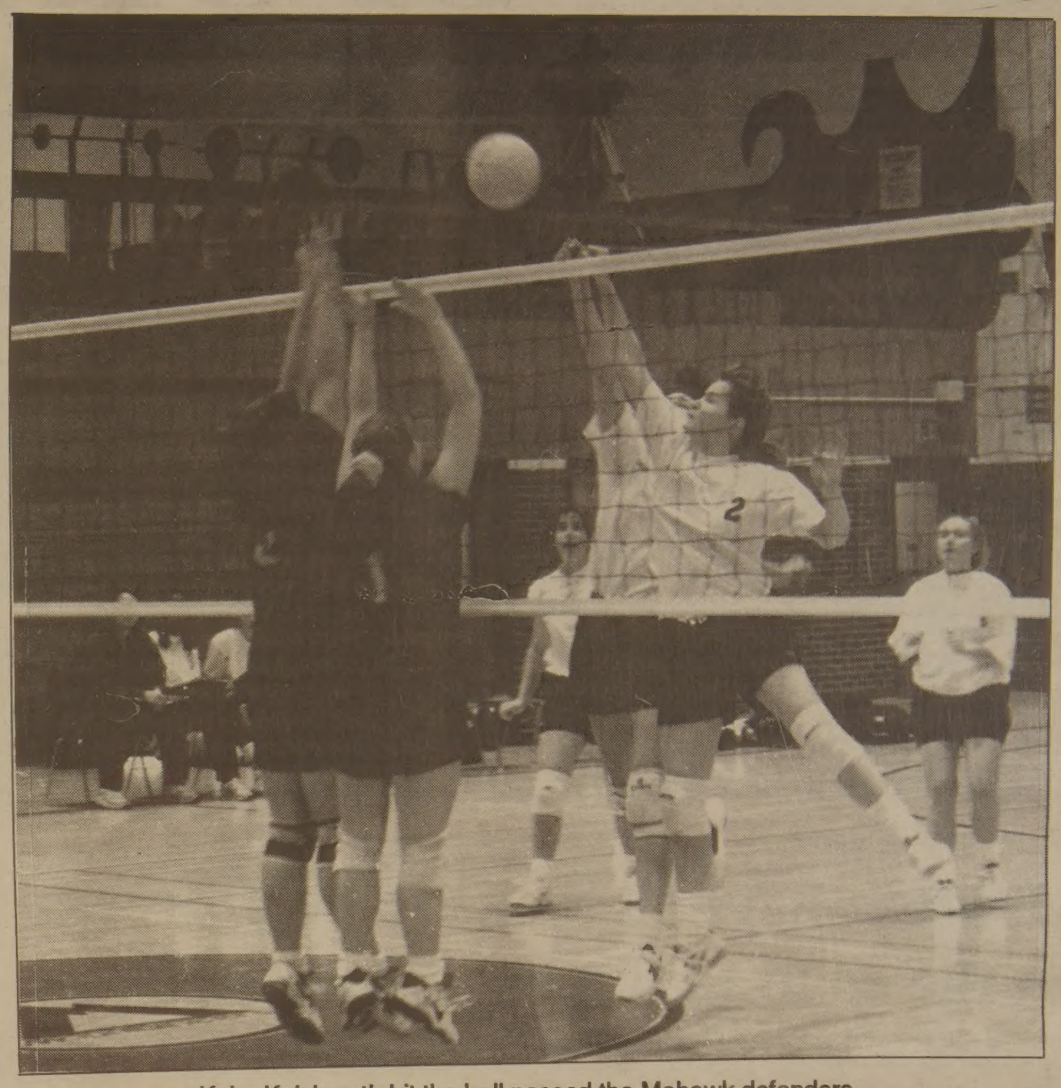
"Michelle (Flaglor) has improved immensely from the beginning of the year, she is a big asset to the team and she puts her heart into it," said Kwiatowski.

"I was pleased with Michelle's performance. Since the beginning of the semester she has improved 110 per cent," said Decandido.

With the loss, Niagara drops to four wins and eight losses and a tie for the last playoff spot with Mohawk College (4-7).

Niagara lost to Centennial College (7-1) in Toronto 15-13, 15-12, 15-6 on Jan. 25.

The next game is Wednesday as Niagara travels to Ancaster to face Redemeer College (3-7) at 6 p.m.



Keira Kalckreath hit the ball passed the Mohawk defenders.

Photo by Michael Mucaki

Coach tries to save team

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

The head coach of the women's volleyball team says Niagara College should continue its tradition of women's volleyball.

"It's hard to justify to the college to keep a team when the players on the team last semester don't care now... win or lose, the players just enjoy playing the game," said John Kwiatkowski, head coach.

"The team we have now supports women's volleyball and the team we had last semester didn't.

"The college should continue to run the program. They can't just throw away a tradition.

"Our problem is promoting women's sports at Niagara College.

"There's nothing wrong with the program, we don't promote it well enough.

'Our problem is promoting women's sports at Niagara College.'

John Kwiatkowski

"The big thing is trying to promote it in our community at the high school level," he said.

Kwiatkowski is planning to hold a tryout with graduating high school students in March who might attend Niagara College in September.

"If we can get more players in the high schools from the Niagara Region, that will definitely help our program."

Knights pull off upset

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's basketball team pulled off a huge upset last Friday night by beating the Mohawk Mountaineers 59-54 on home floor.

Trailing 30-28 at the half, the Knights maintained their composure and kept the score always within striking distance. The Knights took the lead late in the second half courtesy of two small runs of eight points and six points respectively.

The win improves the Knights' record to six wins and five losses, while Mohawk suffered only their second loss falling to seven wins and two losses.

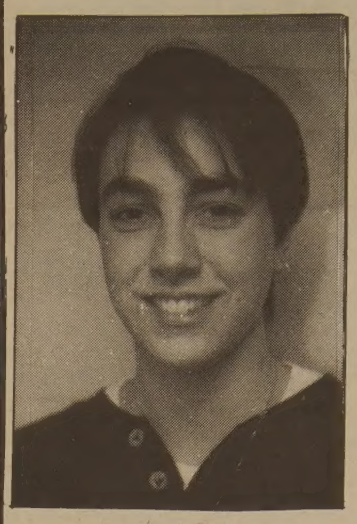
"We used the halftime break to our advantage and came out flying," said Shelley Holden, a second-year journalism student. "Both Diana (DiPietro) and Julie (McLaren) provided the leadership and scoring we needed to steal a win."

DiPietro led the charge scoring a game-high 20 points. Other scorers for the Knights were Julie McLaren with 18 points, Kelly Smith with 11 points, and Shelley Doncaster nine points.

Shelly Doncaster is attempting a three-point shot against Mohawk.

Photo by Craig Morrison

Niagara College Award recipients



SHELLEY DONCASTER

Shelley Doncaster, 23, of Oxford, N.S., is the recipient of a Niagara College Scholarship/Athletic Award.

Doncaster plays for the Niagara women's basketball team, averaging 13 points a game.

She is a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, with an 85 per cent academic average.

"I'm happy I got the award. I work hard in school and I work hard in basketball and it's great. The money ($300) will go towards school (expenses)."

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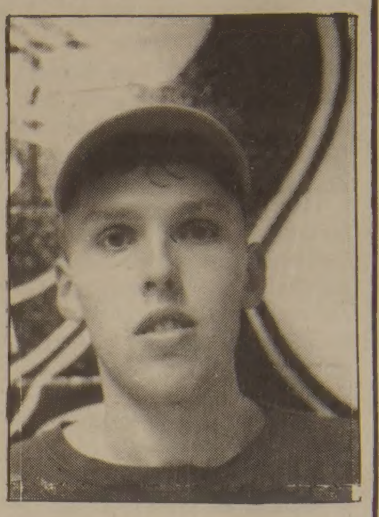
Adriaan Knaap, 19, of Beamsville, Ont., will receive a Niagara College Scholarship/ Athletic Award.

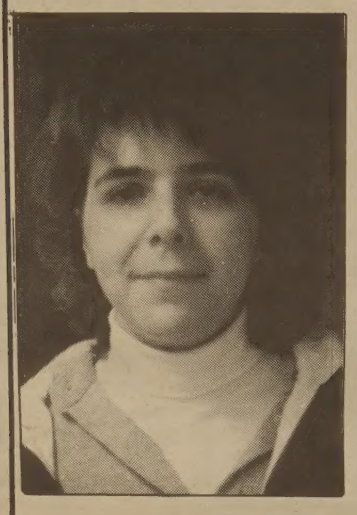
He plays on the Niagara men's basketball team, averaging 16 points a game.

A first-year Law and Security Administration program student, he has maintained a 75 per cent academic average.

"I had an idea I was going to win it and I'm happy I did. The money will come in handy. I will probably spend the money ($300) on my car and maybe some on school."



ADRIAAN KNAAP



LUCY DECANDIDO

Lucy DeCandido, 25, from Halifax, N.S., has won a Niagara College Scholarship/ Athletic Award.

She has helped the Niagara women's volleyball team to a record of three wins and five losses.

DeCandido, a second-year Broadcast-Radio, Television and Film program student, has held an 85 per cent academic average.

"I came to Niagara because there is no broadcasting in the Maritimes except for a small school that did not have what I was looking for plus I wanted to see Toronto."

She is a student representative for the Curriculum Committee for the Broadcasting program.

Andrew Clements, 24, of Welland, will receive a Niagara College Scholarship/Athletic Award.

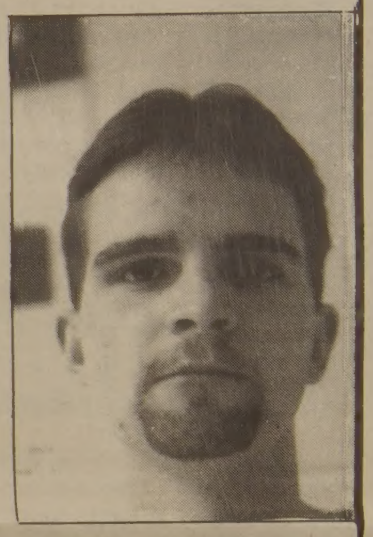
Clements helped the college's men's volleyball team to a winning record of seven wins and three losses.

"As a centre ... the guys (on the team) look at me as someone like a quarterback to set up the offense," said Clements.

A first-year Ambulance and Emergency Care program student, he held an 85 per cent academic average last semester.

"I'm proud that I excelled in both volleyball and in school. School is something I put a lot of time and effort into," he said.

There are four awards given annually.



ANDREW CLEMENTS

Ellis loses final

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

An impressive showing from Derrick Lee and Sean Ellis topped off a successful tournament for men's badminton singles at the Welland gym on Jan. 20.

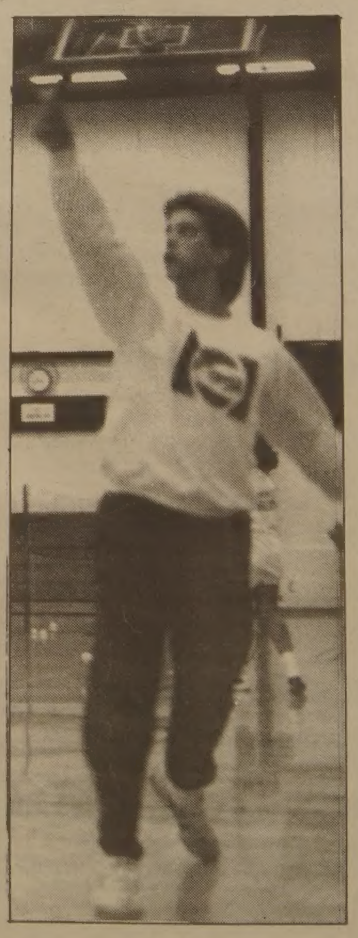
Ellis reached the finals and lost 15-11 and 18-13 to Dominic Legendre of London's Fanshawe College.

Ellis played the tournament with an injured arm.

"That was the first time Ellis played singles in a long time," said Dave Carpenter, head coach of Niagara.

"I came out slow and I was not as prepared as I wanted to be," said Ellis.

Lee also had a successful tournament. After losing his first match, he came back and defeated his next three opponents, but then lost to Khairul Nizam of Humber College from Etobicoke in the consolation round's semi-finals.



Sean Ellis returning a shot from his opponent in a recent tournament.
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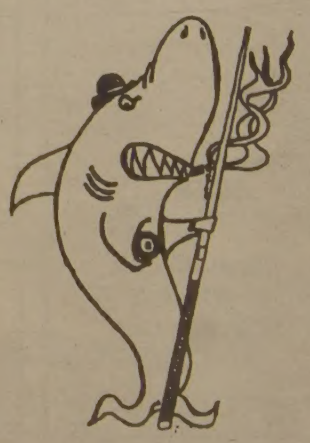

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Kidney transplant patient beats odds

By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

As the drummers beat their ceremonial drum and sing the traditional honor song, a circular line forms and files past the honored guests and their family.

There are many people in tears because emotions are running high.

A huge wave of love and respect engulfs the participants as each person embraces the couple who are the focus of the honor social, which brings everyone together this particular evening.

The men harbor a deep respect for the man they come to honor because of his benevolent gift. The women are sensitive to the love of such a gift in the fashion inherent to women. It is an emotional few minutes.

The Traditional Teaching Circle and the Youth Group of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre organized the event, at the centre's multi-purpose facility on Oct. 18 in honor of Fort Erie residents Wilma and Raymond (Lummy) Martin.

Wilma, a 61-year-old native, was diagnosed in 1992 with kidney failure as a result of diabetic complications and has been on dialysis for the past 2 1/2 years.

"It used to be that after a certain age they wouldn't even let you have a kidney transplant, but that doesn't apply anymore," Wilma said.

"As soon as they told me the only alternative to dialysis is to have a kidney transplant, he (Lummy) offered right off to be a donor," she added.

"The doctor was kind of skeptical right off the start. He thought I was too old (63) to begin with, and he told her (Wilma) that it was generous on my part but don't get your hopes up, and he conveyed to me that he didn't think I would be eligible," Lummy said.

"The first test that we had in Toronto was what they called tissue typing, and that has to be done to make sure that they (the kidneys) don't fight; if they fight, then you can't donate a kidney," Lummy said.

After the first test was successful, Wilma and Lummy went to St. Catharines for an angiogram to determine if Lummy's kidneys were healthy enough for a transplant and were told they could go ahead and use one of his, Lummy said.

As astronomical as the odds are they would be a match, they were, and on June 9, doctors removed one of Lummy's healthy kidneys and transplanted it into Wilma.

From the first test in October 1993, Wilma and Lummy weren't sure if the operation was going to be attempted until April 1994 when the angiogram was completed. In June, they received a telephone call and were told they had a doctor and an appointment for the operation that month.

The Martins still weren't positive the operation would go as planned until several hours before the operation.

"When you go in the hospital, they take another tissue typing to see if they (the kidneys) were compatible in the beginning, that they didn't reverse. They could start fighting. So they take the test again several hours before the operation," Lummy said.

The operation was performed at Toronto General Hospital at 8 a.m. by Dr. Robinette of the Toronto General. The operation took three hours to complete with Lummy going in first.

The operation is harder on the donor than the recipient because the surgeon has to go in deeper to retrieve the kidney than he does to transplant it.

Wilma remembers waking up in her room after the operation and seeing her daughter, Cathy General of Fort Erie, who spent four days in Toronto visiting her parents every day.

"I remember her standing there and asking me 'how do you feel mom?' and I said lousy," Wilma said.

It wasn't until the next day Lummy felt strong enough to make the trip to Wilma's room for a visit to see how she was feeling.

"They said it would be me that would probably go in to see him first because it's actually harder on him than me . . . he was on the second floor and I was on the third floor and the next thing you know there he was standing there," Wilma said.

"I don't know how the heck he got up there . . . I thought he was going to pass out."

After a major operation, painkillers are self-administered intravenously, "so you don't feel too much; I just loaded up when I knew I was going to make the trip up there," Lummy said.

As they visited, it was apparent the operation was going to be a success. Once he had seen her, the pain didn't seem so bad knowing what he had done was for her benefit.

"It's hard to put into words, but you know just by seeing the person it was well worth the effort," he added.

After the regimen of 2 1/2 years of dialysis at Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines, three times a week for 4 1/2 hours a session, Wilma said she is grateful things are back to normal. "I was just telling him (Lummy) 'Isn't it strange. I went for 2 1/2 years.' You would think it would be such a routine of mine that I'd really miss it and it seems like I never did it," Wilma said.

From the time of her kidney failure to the time of the first tissue typing test, Wilma was under her doctor's care to prepare her for a transplant.

Now that it's over, things are getting back to normal at the Martin's residence on Wintemute Street.

Mosher in remission

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

As he looks through his photo album a Grismby, Ont., man stops on the page he has marked with bold black marker 1986.

"It was a bad year...I'll never forget it," said Jim Mosher, a 31-year-old cancer survivor.

Mosher, an entrepenuear, is a partner in a cash register business with older brother, Terry, in downtown Hamilton.

"I am glad I got through this disease and I am so happy with the amount of support I got from my family," Mosher said.

The quiet, soft-spoken Mosher, the youngest of five brothers, was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease in March of 1986.

Hodgkins is a chronic malignant disorder of the lymph nodes. Symptoms vary, but often include enlargement of one or more lymph nodes, especially in the neck region, followed by fatigue, weight loss and fever.

"I was working a lot and being young just having fun. I thought maybe I was overdoing it and promised myself I would slow down," he said.

But Mosher soon found himself slowing down to a speed from which he thought he would never recover. When his doctor first told him of the diagnosis he said he couldn't comprehend what the doctor was telling him.

"Why me? Why me? I was angry and confused," Mosher said.

With family members at his side, Mosher said he never feared death.

"We were so scared. We could not believe this could happened to our family...our Jim," said Mosher's mother Mary.

With intense chemotherapy and continuous checkups, Mosher said he made a full recovery.

He said his doctor told him he was in the treatable second stage of the disease. Had it been the third stage he said, "I would have not been so lucky."

Mosher said he tries to look at life through different eyes and has no intentions of slowing down.

"Life is way too short. I don't think people are aware of that until something bad happens to them. It just may be a little too late then."

Mosher continues working alongside brother Terry and faithfully goes to a favorite gym in town to workout...physically and mentally.

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Student stylist Deanne Tronzo rolls rods for a client's perm.

Models Wanted

By KAREN FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College students and their parents are wanted as models for Niagara College's Hairstylist Apprenticeship program taught at Alessandro's Salon, 125 Ontario St., St. Catharines.

Dominic Caruso, development officer technical skills training, Ventures, said the "pilot project" was started in September 1993 with eight apprentices. They will graduate in June.

Formal approval to deliver the program on a continual basis is being sought from the Apprenticeship Branch of the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board.

Alex, program instructor, said, "The student stylists are doing basically what's in salons; cuts, highlights, perms, and all other services you would expect to find in well established salons!"

He says they attend academic classes in the morning with practical application in the afternoon. "They are working in salons with clients." He has been in the profession for 25 years.

The apprentices are supervised by instructors, overseen by Technical and Customized Training Director Brian Moukperian, said Caruso.

Apprentices are "indentured" with area employers and put into practice what they've learned in theory, said Alex.

"If I were to start my profession again, I would go through the apprenticeship program. What we have is a team!" he said.

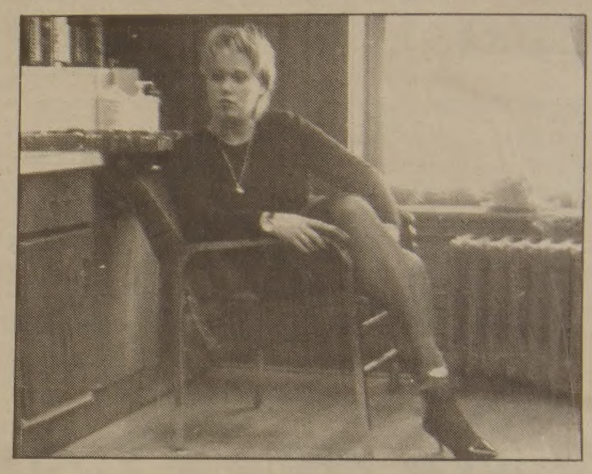
Apprentice Deanne Tronzo said, "The program is the best avenue to take. It allows you to work in business with hands-on training."

The other apprentices are Linda Fiwchuk, Bree Glover, Lucia Spina, Anne Bush, Sarah Gordon, Kira Lee Couture and Brenda Bascus.

For appointments call Alessandro at (905) 682-3321 and be sure to indicate you are a Niagara College student.

Bookings are on Mondays for perms, color, highlights and hair relaxing from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Haircutting and styling appointments are from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. A $10 cover charge for products is required.

Deanne Tronzo does the finishing touches of a client's make-up.



Deanne Tronzo takes five.

Brenda Bascus practises her hair straightening techniques on client number two.

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skills complex building, to be located behind the Black Walnut building, will incorporate the space there, Saso says.

In 1995, the college "will continue to need to be resourceful (to provide) a high-quality level of service for students," Bassett says.

But Saso and Bassett say they have some concerns about proposed cuts that may be in the federal government's budget expected later this month. The college must continue to find new ways to do business to offset decreased funding, Bassett says.

Although "we're right in the middle of our vision," Saso says, "we're in good shape and we've really made some progressive changes."

'Imbecilic individuals' interrupting class

Dear Editor:

All is quiet. The class regretfully awaits their arrival. They turn their heads in unison as the door creaks open - the troublemakers have arrived.

They sit, perched on their thrones in the rear of the classroom while their disciples remain scattered throughout. Their behavior is comparable to that of Grade 7 students in a physical education class with their frequent whispering and taunt remarks.

Because of their juvenile antics, the serious students suffer. The class is constantly disrupted and time is wasted while the remaining students question who is really in control.

They are a select few of the broadcasting students who are normally prompted to be vocal and free, but this is not a broadcasting class. How do you deal with students like this? Do we have the right to voice our opinions to them? What are the rights of a teacher?

They are...normally prompted to be vocal and free but this is not a broadcasting class

After further study of this, I came to some very surprising conclusions. We as students have the right to tell them to be quiet - this did not come as a shock. The teacher is in a much more difficult situation.

They are expected to deal with much larger classes and yet be able to give each student personalized attention. That is a difficult if not impossible task. The question of disciplinary tactics is posed. The teacher can choose to walk out, or tell the student to leave the room. In either case there will be opposition - opposition from the college's Board of Governors.

There was a time when a teacher could freely restrain an inconsiderate student but those days seem to be gone. It is rumored that a teacher can be suspended or even fired for using such an approach. Why does the Board of Governors have the right to take this action if a teacher does not have a right to take a similar action?

The scales remain unbalanced while this moral issue is debated. The board should establish clearer boundaries - but despite all else should support its teachers.

If this could be accomplished, those of us surrounded by such galactically imbecilic individuals could see them removed without consequence. So do us all a favor - forfeit the almighty attitude and alleviate us of your pseudo-intellectual jargon.

This deciphered in English means: If you don't want to be here, don't hold back those of us who do. Only then can the rest of us receive our uninterrupted, rewarding education.

Janice Poole
First-year Journalism-Print program January-Start